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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection at East London, King Williams Town, and Port Elizabeth; infection found.

The following is received from the medical officer of health for Cape Colony, under date of August 6, 1906:

East London.—Week ended August 4, 1906: Rodents examined, 130; 1 found dead; no infection.

King Williams Town.—Rodents examined, 171; 1 found dead; no infection.

Port Elizabeth.—Two mice found dead during the previous week examined; infection found.

Rodents examined during week, 224; 19 found dead; no infection.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever—Health conditions in Pernambuco.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, August 15, as follows:

Two weeks ended August 11, 1906. Vessels inspected and received bills of health as follows:

On the 1st instant the British steamship *Alston*, for New Orleans, La., in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; the British steamship *Hillbarn* for some southern port of the United States, via St. Lucia for orders, with no passengers, no change in crew, and in water ballast; on the 2d instant the British steamship *Byron*, for New York, with coffee, 28 first-class, 18 steerage passengers, and no new members of the crew taken on in this port; the British steamship *Jenny*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the 4th instant the British steamship *Buffon*, for New Orleans, La., with coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel; on the 6th instant the British steamship *Como*, for some southern port, via the West Indies, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; the German steamship *Guenther*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the 7th instant the British steamship *Hillglen*, for Tybee Roads, Ga., in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; on the 10th instant the British steamship *Hillgrove*, for some southern port of the United States, via the West Indies, in water ballast, with no passengers and with no change in the crew personnel, and the British steamship *Eastern Prince*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew while in this port.

No other vessels left this port during the period under consideration requiring inspection.

Mortality in Rio de Janeiro.—Week ended August 5, 1906. Total deaths, 229, including 1 from yellow fever. During the week there were reported, yellow fever, 1 case; plague, 2 cases, and variola, 2 cases. At the end of the week there were in the hospital São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 1 case of plague under treatment, and 8 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended August 12, 1906. Total deaths, 235, including plague 2 deaths, variola 2 cases; no deaths. There were no cases of yellow fever, 3 cases of plague, 2 cases of smallpox.

At the end of the week there were 14 cases of suspicious illness and 1 case of plague in the hospital São Sebastião.

Health conditions in Pernambuco, Brazil.—There have been no cases here of yellow fever or plague for some time past and only 3 deaths from smallpox during the last 15 days.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cooke reports as follows:

Week ended September 6, 1906. Present officially estimated population, 9,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bill of health was issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Aug. 31	Olympia.....	New Orleans	41	0	0

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Past Assistant Surgeon White reports as follows:

Number of emigrants per steamship *Shawmut* recommended July 27, 1906, for rejection: For Port Townsend, 1.

Per steamship *America Maru*, August 7, 1906: For Honolulu, 3; for San Francisco, 38; in transit, 3.

Per steamship *Siberia*, August 14, 1906: For Tahiti, 1; for San Francisco, 39; in transit, 5.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, August 8, as follows:

Week ended August 4, 1906. One original bill of health issued to the British steamship *Winnebago*, and 1 vessel and 51 crew inspected and past. There were disinfected the effects of 30 Asiatic crew and 5 packages of freight. Two packages of freight were inspected and past, and 37 pieces were rejected as not complying with the quarantine regulations.

No immigrant examinations were made during the week, and no quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.